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Title: Need to transfer land and ownership rights to landless people particularly 'Dikkus' in Jharkhand.

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): I refer to an extract of the Report of the Office of The Santhal Parganas Inquiry Committee, Patna, submitted by its Chairman Mr. R.E.Russel to the then Governor of Bihar Sir Thomas Alexander Stewart on the 10th of September, 1938 (Page 47, Chapter XII, para 124). This extract clearly shows how the committee in its report considered the question of whether any relaxation can and should be made with respect to relaxations in the matter of transfer of Land. "Relaxations in the matter of transfer have always been followed by a rapid growth of alienation and of exploitation and the fact that it has from time to time been necessary tighten up, rather than relax the law", the report states. The report further state - Of course the present total prohibition on transfer cannot be maintained forever, but the time has not yet come when that valuable means of preserving the cultivator on his land can be dispensed with and further states that- "we think that some relaxation may now be made in the case of Dikkus, but none in the case of aboriginals."

Thus this matter may be considered afresh and look at the implementation in the comprehensive and holistic manner, rather than piecemeal basis, particularly for the Dikkus. The latter people are suffering immensely as the restrictions means that there is no bank finance available, government does not provide any irrigation facilities, while other basic facilities can also not be availed, as they cannot utilize the value of this land in any manner for life or even in death. This is the reason for the massive, above 80 per cent poverty estimates in the state of Jharkhand.